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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Lewis D. Dodrill, Ryan A. Danner, and Steven J. Martin  
Serial No.: 09/679,109  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CONVERTING TEXTUAL  
INFORMATION TO AUDIO-BASED OUTPUT  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.47, Applicants respectfully request that the unsigned Affidavit filed with respect to the present application be

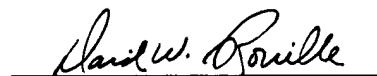
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accepted to satisfy the requirements of the law.

The above-identified patent application names Lewis D. Dodrill, Ryan A. Danner, and Steven J. Martin as inventors. As evidenced by the facts set forth in the attached Declaration of David W. Rouille, Applicants have made diligent effort to contact the inventor Steven J. Martin and despite such diligent effort Applicants have not received any response from the inventor. Applicants thus conclude that inventor Steven J. Martin either refuses to sign the affidavit or cannot be found.

As proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort or refuse to execute the affidavit, Applicants have enclosed herewith a Declaration of David W. Rouille indicating the steps which have been taken to contact the inventor. The last known address of Steven J. Martin is 3829 Parchment Circle, Richmond, Virginia 23233 .

Respectfully submitted,



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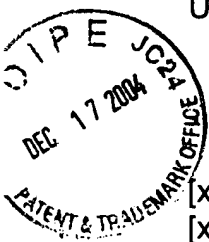
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Enclosed is/are:



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- [x] Transmittal Letter (this form, 3 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 6;
- [x] Petition for a 1 Month Extension of Time (2 pages, in duplicate),  
Total Pages: 4;
- [x] Amendment, Total Pages: 14;
- [x] Affidavit Under 37 CFR 1.131 for Lewis D. Dodrill; Total Pages: 2;
- [x] Affidavit Under 37 CFR 1.131 for Ryan A. Danner; Total Pages: 2;
- [X] Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47; Total Pages: 2;
- [X] Declaration Of David W. Rouille; Total Pages: 9;
- [x] Return Receipt Pre-paid Postcard (in duplicate), Total postcards: 2;
- [x] Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0901, if necessary;
- [x] Check in the amount of: \$320.00, with fee amounts calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	28	- 32	= 0	X \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	11	- 13	= 0	X \$200.00	= \$0.00
FEE FOR PETITION FOR 1 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME					=\$120.00
FEE FOR PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47					=\$200.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>= \$320.00</b>

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

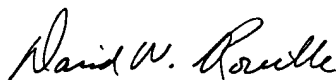
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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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